

THE CAVENDISH NEWS

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AUTUMN TERM 2011

Dear Parents,

I omitted last week to say that we were pleased as well as sad that we had been able to help Kimberley Hayward, a young teacher from New Zealand. She has been working here as a classroom assistant and has now been offered a teaching post in another school. We are grateful for all she has contributed in the time she spent with us.

The PGCE students we welcomed for 'observation' several weeks ago have returned for four continuous weeks. Their base classes are Nursery, Reception R, Year 1, both Year 2 classes, Year 3 and Year 4 and in addition they also have cross age group sessions each week and take part in other aspects of school life. They will be involved in supporting and working 'in class' with individuals and small groups. In case you wondered, they are never left alone in charge of classes.

The House Music Festival we held on Wednesday morning was the climax of several weeks of House Music practices. This year's theme was "Songs from the Musicals" and each House performed the following songs:

- Amber – All I Want is a Room Somewhere from "My Fair Lady"
- Emerald – The Wells Fargo Wagon from "The Music Man"
- Ruby – I'd do anything from "Oliver"
- Sapphire – I Wan'na Be Like You from "Jungle Book"

The whole school also sang Do Re Mi from The Sound of Music. The festival, videoed by Ms Rebecca, was a really special occasion.

On Thursday each class, individuals and siblings had their photographs taken and you should soon see the results.

A moving Remembrance assembly from Year 6S was held this morning.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend!

Teresa Dunbar

If any parent would like to participate in car sharing for journeys to and from school, a list of postcodes is available from the school office.

Diary

Week commencing 14th November

RE THEME: Loving/Preparation

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK
BEETHOVEN

Tuesday 15th November

- ♦ 8.00 Netball Squad
- ♦ BALLET
- ♦ Year 2 to Synagogue

Wednesday 16th November

- ♦ 8.00 Swim Squad
- ♦ Year 1 to London Aquarium
- ♦ 15.40 ORCHESTRA
- ♦ 15.30 Swimming gala vs City

Thursday 17th November

- ♦ 14.30 Year 5 Swimming

Friday 18th November

- ♦ MUFTI DAY (ChildLine)
- ♦ 8.00 Swim Club
- ♦ 8.45 Assembly—Year 4



The Parent Log In

The Parent Log in area, on our website is now up and running, if you have not already done so please register your details by using the link on our current website. Once we receive your registration and have verified your identification, you will be able to access a secure area for school information, such as letters to parents and staff lists. We hope that you find this new facility useful and welcome your comments as users.

Library News

Make a date in your diary to join us for another book covering session in the Library.

**Please meet us in the Library on
Tuesday 22nd November
from 2pm.**

All welcome! No experience necessary!

Email Miriam (FOC Library Co-ordinator) at miriam.hill@btinternet.com or Louise Walters (Staff Co-ordinator) at lwalters@cavendish-school.co.uk to confirm you will be joining us.

Year 3 performed their 'Diwali Assembly' last Friday. They re-told the famous story of 'Rama and Sita' and did some Indian-style dancing! Well done Year 3!

Year 3 would like to say a HUGE thank you Scarlett and her Mum. They made these fantastic toffee apples for each of the girls in the class. Even the soil was edible and made from Oreo cookies. They were scrumptious!



ChildLine

MUFTI DAY on Friday 18th November is in aid of ChildLine. The theme will be your own colours; please wear sensible clothes and shoes for the day.

Remembrance Assembly 2011

Year 6S performed a story called “Billy’s War” to inform their audience about the horrible losses suffered in World War One. The Great War is told through the eyes of two young Carlisle lads, Billy and Rob, who are only thirteen years old at its outbreak. Although told to go away by the recruiting officer because they are too young to enlist, the war drags on so long that by 1917 both are able to serve, Rob at the front and Billy with the engineers in the back trenches. On the ship home after the Armistice is declared, the lads from Carlisle catch up with each other. They learn the news that Rob became convulsed

with shell shock while Billy has survived a searing attack of mustard gas. Rob is shot at dawn for cowardice under the orders of British High Command.

Included in the assembly was a poem by a young soldier from London’s East End.



A photograph of Isaac Rosenberg, possibly dating from October 1917. Photograph: Graham Turner

Isaac Rosenberg was a Lithuanian Jew by descent who was reared in considerable poverty. He enlisted so as to provide his mother with the “separation allowance.” Writing to his friend in Autumn 1916, he said, “Here’s a little poem a bit commonplace I’m afraid.” Claimed to be gifted in several fields of endeavour, Isaac Rosenberg joined the ranks of the Great War’s fallen, as he died in 1918 while on a wiring patrol.

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In the Trenches

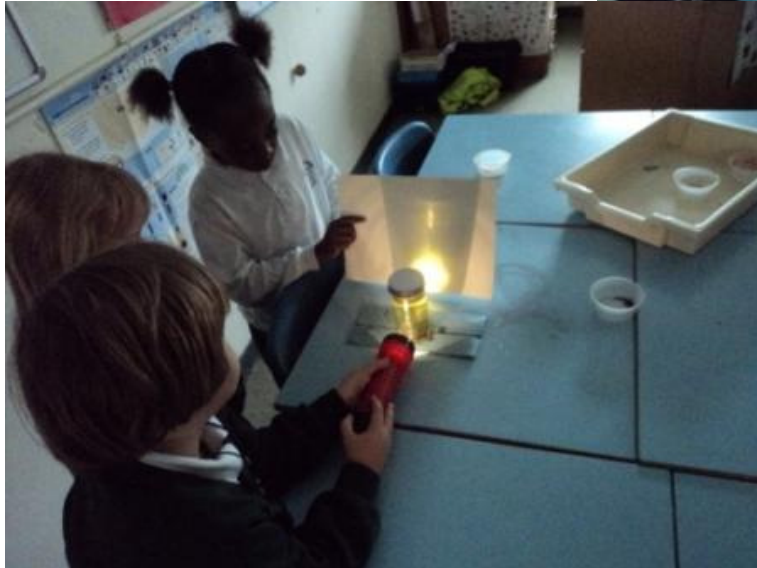
I snatched two poppies
From the parapet's edge,
Two bright red poppies
That winked on the ledge.

Behind my ear
I stuck one through,
One blood red poppy
I gave to you.

The sandbags narrowed
And screwed out our jest,
And tore the poppy
You had on your breast...
Dawn – a shell – O! Christ
I am choked ... safe ... dust blind, I
See trench floor poppies
Strewn. Smashed, you lie.

Isaac Rosenberg

During Science this week Year 1 made 'Flitter Jars'. This involved filling jars with water, acetate, food colouring and glitter. The children then shone torches on the jars to see which of them produced shadows and which of them reflected the colours inside. (MB).



French



Learning to count in French

The internet is an amazing tool for learning French but with so many sites to sift through, it can be difficult to find the best ones.

Here are some sites that your children can use at home. Please choose topics that they are familiar with. These websites have got a tutoring part as well as games. Audio games are the best. Avoid writing games for little ones.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryfrench/>

The website above was supposed to be retired at the end of September but we are still able to access it. The new site from the BBC is available but does not have all the games we have been using in class.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages>

<http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/languagesonline>

<http://www.digitaldialects.com/French.htm>

Happy surfing!

Madame Nougé